UC/Stanford Map Library Group (UCMLG) meeting

Thursday, 06/4/2009, 10:10 a.m. – 2:28 p.m.

UCMLG met via videoconference in two groups. North campuses gathered at Stanford University and South campuses at UCI

Chair: Michael Smith (UCSD)
Recorder: Wendie Helms (UCR)

Attendees: Larry Carver (UCSB), Julia Gelfand (UCI) by phone, Tracey Hughes (UCSD) by phone, Jane Ingalls (Stanford), Cynthia Jahns (UCSC), Kris Kasianovitz (UCLA), Mary Larsgaard (UCSB), Kathy Stroud (UCD), Fatemah Van Buren (UCB), Brian Williams (UCI), Yvonne Wilson (UCI), Julie Sweetkind-Singer (Stanford)

INTRODUCTION

MINUTES

Recorder, Wendie Helms, asked if the minutes of the December, 2008 meeting were approved. No changes were requested.

RETIREMENTS AT UC

Mary: UCSB will fill Mary’s position with a librarian. It is important due to the strong geospatial information and metadata support needed for the Maps and Imagery Lab. A job description will come out soon. Mary encourages people to apply. There are good candidates. UCSB will support keeping positions. They don’t know what cuts to expect until September. After retirement Mary plans to continue working on a publication. If the library supports scanning the California quadrangles, Mary wants to help with the metadata. After the end of June, CalMap can contact Debbie Lupo, Lucia Snowhill, Rusty Brown, and Anne Hefferman. Debbie Lupo will be monitor the reflector.

Fatemah: The UCB position will not be replaced. Brian Quigley, Head of Mathematics-Statistics Library accepted a 50% time position as interim Head of Earth Sciences and Map Library at UC Berkeley. He is good with electronic and digital related work. John Reisner will be helping with the Rookwood requests. Scanning is done by Jenna Crist. Contact Isabel Stirling if you need other help. Brian will handle the email and will join WAML. Nothing will change except the hours. Fatemah has no specific plans for retirement.

Wendie: There is hope the UCR position will be replaced in the future. Lizbeth Langston, Head of Information Services at the Science Library will step in as the temporary map librarian. She can be contacted at (951) 827-3529. Email: Langston@ucr.edu. Lizbeth is also taking over collection development duties for maps and the geosciences. Margarita Yonezawa, Map Collection Assistant, and map cataloger, will be working the hours the Map Collection is open. The collection will now be closed Noon - 1:00 pm. Margarita’s telephone number is (951) 827-6423. Email: margarit@ucr.edu. Wendie plans to volunteer at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve & spend more time w/ family.
THE FUTURE OF PROJECTS

Scanning maps: UCSB’s scanning of California quadrangles will continue in partnership with the USGS. The Director has approved a technician position. A database will track maps in the queue. A partnership with USGS, scanning maps, enables the shipping of a 42” scanner to the participating library. Check the UCSB website for scanned topographic maps at: http://www.sdc.ucsb.edu/holdings/caltopo.html so that UCLA and others do not duplicate scanning the same maps. UCSB needs a partner. Fatemah has helped with the scanning of topographic maps.

Kris: UCLA has good news about a 3D modeling project driven by the UCLA Center for Digital Humanities using GeoCities. Kris will send more information.

UCB received topographic maps from John Novak delivered on a hard drive. They are the earliest 1:24,000’s up to 1952. UCB has maps scanned with USGS (with John Jenkins) in MrSid format. UCSB can take maps from other libraries already scanned in other formats, such as microfilm, and georeference them.

ACTION ITEMS / UPDATES

Kathy will put her map library survey on the website or a spreadsheet for us. Julie will look into Navtech. Their street data is worldwide with some exceptions.

Mike has authorization to move the UCSMLG website to UCSD. Cynthia will be in touch.

Mary: re: China / Tibet maps. A grad student went through the maps and placed numbers. The maps are cataloged as a set with titles and numbers in the 520 field so people can find them in Melvyl.

Cynthia will visit all in the UC system to see what has been scanned.

Tracey has a wiki people can add things to. (See UCLMG minutes, December, 2008 meeting). Kris has MediaWiki which will handle tables and documents. We need a template with uniform information for a project. Give a brief description and technical metadata. Kris will send information. Cynthia: Give CDL a list and they may do it.

Julie will send a link to the "Image Gallery" on the web. "California as an Island" is cataloged in MARC. Julie will assist Stew Snyderman and Bob Schwarz in the preplanning of a scanning project of maps in Capetown, South Africa.

Fatemah will send a copy of the GIS Usage Survey to Calmap. At UCB, the GIS center charges $57.00 per hour for simple training. The UCB science library offers it free. The GIS support is needed for Anthropology, Geography, etc.

Yvonne: What is the effect of NextGen Melvyl on maps? The catalog would be the master record. We used to have possibly three records for the same thing displaying regional differences. It could be a concern. The map group should be a test case because we are used to working together and know how to save staff time and money.
BUDGET UPDATES

UCB: GA budget cut 25%. Hours have been cut, nights and weekends. 38% cut from supply budget.
UCD: Told to plan for 7% budget cut. No budget plan yet for how to handle it. There may be a 20% cut. They are looking at reorganization in the library. Don't know if they can keep the map collection running.
UCLA: is in a state of flux. Has an endowed fund so the Map Collection budget has been good, but there is a 10% cut. Not getting a map librarian in the foreseeable future.
UCI: Open positions frozen. Furloughs are on the table. In January there was a cut in supplies and student assistant's budgets. Another 5% cut is expected for next year.
UCSB has prepaid EBSCO for a discount. There's a student assistant budget cut. Each department projected a 10% cut and planned to cut hours. No hiring freezes.
UCSD: The Library was cut 1.3 million mid-year, higher than the rest of the departments on campus. Collections will have cuts, and positions are being replaced internally. Gov Info unit is looking at moving job duties around, such as local documents, census and urban studies. Layoffs across campus. UCR: The Chancellor gave his town hall meeting presentation, cutting the library 8%, which was in the mid-range of cuts for other campus units. The UL expects the library will not be cut any further even if the news gets worse. Student assistants and supplies have been cut. Possible reorganizations.

PRODUCTS AND RECENT PURCHASES

A to Z Maps: UCSD purchased it. UCLA will probably get it. Those who want it can probably get a discount. USGS topo maps have been added and have been georeferenced -- current editions. What are the licensing terms? Do we get perpetual rights?

Social Explorer: It never went through CDL. UCSD will purchase it. The UCI GIS group recommended it get purchased. A group purchase will give us a 10% discount. Stanford has it through the Business school. At UCLA, data archives paid for it.

Geolytics, Neighborhood Change - UCLA is sending back the CD to get the online product to test out. You can upgrade for a year. Kris will test it and let us know. Web based, it still has the same clunkiness as the CD.

Proquest/Historic Mapworks: UCSD is pricing it. UCLA is looking at the Proquest products, but the prices are high.

Tracey bought two prepaid data door GIS Data Depot datasets. LeadDog for Mexico, and Building characteristics for San Diego.

Julia is hopeful to get Colombia data and China Data center. Historic census data is $40,000. UCB got China data and is looking at India data for $15,000. Julie has a good vendor. She will send information on India data. Kris: what are restrictions on sharing? It depends on the contract / license. Republic of Georgia, Tajikistan, Julie will put information on the website. Mike(?)will create a page of GIS sources.

Sanborn: Julie said there were concerns with the people scanning Sanborn maps (see December minutes). Don't get involved with them. Cited historical problems. UCLA will cancel their subscription to the Proquest digital Sanborn maps. They cannot justify it with the low usage.
COLLECTING, MANAGING AND PRESERVING GEOSPATIAL DATA

UCB: A review panel is researching whether or not GIS created by faculty and departments should be preserved and if grant money could be used. Some are interested in working with the library. Stanford and UCSB have done a lot of work on preservation environment.

National Map archiving: It's good to provide redundant storage. Send them a hard drive and $60.00; they will fill up the disk for you. Julie can send information to you about this. Per Mary, others are encouraged to join them if you want to work with managing spatial data at http://www.ngda.org/ Grant applications are requiring one to have the means of archiving the data.

Stanford: It would be good to provide support for Google earth and Open source. Their Earth Science department provides GIS training. GIS is exploding and the service had not kept up.

ROUND ROBIN

UCB (and UCSC): lost some map catalogers.
UCD: Several retirements. There's acting co-ULs. Original map cataloger has had less time to do cataloging and does more reference. Outsourcing map cataloging? Mary recommends "Cataloging Sheet Maps" by Paige Andrew. Kathy Rankin (UNLV) and Mary Larsgaard created templates. Mary can forward them.
Stanford: Their GIS site will go live. A spatial data catalog should be ready in 2010. Can search and find layer by layer. Stanford has the whole set of digital scans done by University of Chicago (for the U. of Hawaii?). They are in the public domain so they can share.
UCSB: scanning Sacramento County aerial photos. Will send UCD a copy.
UCSC: hours have changed to Tuesday - Thursday in the summer. Cynthia is head of the Digital Initiative Project. They are doing an archive, scanning old Grateful Dead posters. Maps, too. Recruiting for a Science librarian.
UCLA: Undergoing renovation. Map collection will be moving during the summer. Map series cataloging is picking up. UCLA will get digital images of maps being scanned for U. of Hawaii by EastView.
UCR: Four people retiring from the library, two from Gov Pubs. The Map Collection focused on integrating with more classes this year and hosted a campus-wide GIS Day.
UCSD: The map collection has relocated on the same floor and is now closer to the GIS lab. No personnel changes within the Gov Info unit (still down one person), though we will be getting a new head of the SSH Library from an internal recruitment.

NEXT MEETING: Cynthia, UCSC, volunteered to host, though Julie Sweetkind-Singer volunteered to host the northern California group as she did this time. UCI will host in the south. We should meet twice per year. Plan to do the same as this meeting, i.e., meet at two locations and use the video. Tentatively plan it for December 10 or 11. Hosts, check for video equipment and check with new map library staff to see if the dates are good.